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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: DESIGNATION OF EMBOFFS  
AND 5TH MONTHLY PREPARATORY

REF: STATE 30185

1. FSO DENNIS SANDBERG, ECONOMIC/COMMERICAL OFFICER,  
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS EMBASSY ANTARCTIC AFFAIRS OFFICER.  
KEY BRITISH OFFICIALS DEALING WITH ANTARCTIC MATTERS ARE  
JOHN HEAP, HEAD POLAR REGIONS SECTION, FCO, AND DR. R.  
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W. (DICK) LAWS, DIRECTOR, BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY.

2. WHEN WE DISCUSSED ABOVE WITH HEAP SEVERAL QUESTIONS  
RELATING TO FEBRUARY 15 MONTHLY PREPARATORY WERE RAISED.  
FIRST WE ASKED HIM IF THERE WAS ANY PARTICULAR REASON  
WHY PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 ON ANTARCTIC RESOURCES  
DOES NOT CORRESPOND DIRECTLY TO RECOMMENDATION VIII-14C

PARA 4. AFTER REVIEWING ARTICLE HEAP SAID THAT IT WAS STANDARD PRACTICE IN PREPARATORY SESSIONS TO INCLUDE IN EACH PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM BRIEF REFERENCE RECOMMENDATION FROM WHICH FINAL AGENDA ITEM WILL BE DRAWN. HE SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF OUR QUESTION HE WILL ALTER AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 15 MEETING SO THAT ITME NO. 3 ACCURATELY REFLECTS WORDING IN VIII-14 PARA 4. IF HE IS QUESTIONED ON THIS CHANGE HE WILL RESPOND THAT AS GROUP IS NOW AT STAGE WHERE INDIVIDUAL AGENDA PROPOSALS FOR SIXTH CONSULTATIVE CAN BE ORMALIZED IT IS APPROPRIATE TO BEGIN TO DO SO.

3. SECOND, HEAP MENTIONED THAT AT FEBRUARY 15 MEETING HE MAY PRESENT TOTALLY INFORMAL UK INITIATIVE AIMED AT TRYING TO SET THE SCENE FOR DISCUSSION RELATING TO LIVING RESOURCES AT THE EXTENDED PREPARATORY. PAPER WILL BE BASED ON MUCH LONGER PRESENTATION BEING PREPARED ON BIOMASS. HE SAID THAT IF PAPER IS AVAILABLE BEFORE WEEKEND HE WOULD LIKE US TO SEEK DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON IT PRIOR TO ITS FINAL TYPING ON MORNING OF MEETING.

4. HEAP ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WILL BE RAISING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXTENDED SESSION AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING. HE WILL ASK THAT HE BE INFORMED OF LIKELY NUMBER IN EACH DELEGATION BY MARCH 1.

5. WE TOLD HEAP THAT WE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND AND FRENCH DELEGATES AS TO LIKELY SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION. WE TOLD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEAP THAT WE HAD BEEN RESPONDING THAT USDEL LIKELY CONTAIN 8 TO 10 REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT THEY WOULD BE EQUALLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS LIVING AND MINERAL RESOURCES. HEAP SAID IT MIGHT BE USEFUL, IF HIS INITIATIVE ON BIOMASS IS READY IN TIME, FOR US TO MAKE THIS POINT AT MEETING. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON THIS SUGGESTION.

6. FINALLY, HEAP EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IF USDEL COMES TO CONCLUSION DURING EXTENDED PREPARATORY THAT ANOTHER SUCH MEETING WILL BE NECESSARY IT WILL MAKE THIS VIEW KNOWN TO HEAP AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS WILL HELP US POSITION AND HOPEFULLY GAIN AGREEMENT WITHOUT TOO MUCH SUBSTANTIVE TIME BEING LOST. ARMSTRONG

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